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FOR UNDERSECRETARY ROBINSON FROM CHARGE

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR EILTS

TEHRAN FOR RUTHERFORD POATS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)
SUBJECT: VISIT OF UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON TO EGYPT

REF: A. PARIS 9349 B. CAIRO 3722

1. I WAS ABLE TO CONTACT AT HOME IN EARLY EVENING (YOUR MESSAGE ARRIVED AFTER GOE OFFICE HOURS), DR. TAHER AMIN AND AMB OMAR SIRRI, CHEF DE CABINET OF FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY, AND MADE THE APPROACH YOU SUGGESTED.

2. AMIN SAID THAT IF YOU DID ARRIVE IN CAIRO WEDNESDAY, HE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE YOU, BUT STATED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE ANYONE ON THURSDAY FOR, EITHER THEY (INCLUDING HIMSELF) WOULD BE INVOLVED IN CABINET SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OR WOULD BE ELSEWHERE. NEW MINISTERS WOULD FIRST HAVE TO BE BRIEFED BEFORE THEY WOULD BE IN POSITION TO CONSULT WITH YOU.

3. SIRRI, WHOSE MINISTER HAD TAKEN DIRECT INTEREST IN
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YOUR VISIT, DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO

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COME AT THIS TIME. YOU MIGHT EITHER NOT BE ABLE TO
SEE THE RIGHT PEOPLE OR THOSE YOU WOULD SEE WOULD NO LONGER
HAVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MATTERS IN WHICH YOU ARE INTERESTED.

4. ON BALANCE, I FEEL THAT IMPORTANCE OF YOUR VISIT
WOULD BE GREATLY DIMINISHED BY YOUR MAKING CONTACTS
DURING WHAT WILL BE BRIEF PERIOD OF UNCERTAINTY. IF YOU
COULD ARRANGE TO POSTPONE YOUR VISIT FOR A SHORT PERIOD,
ITS IMPACT HERE, AS WELL AS ITS UTILITY TO YOU, WOULD BE
GREATLY INCREASED.

5. PLEASE ADVISE ME ASAP BY IMMEDIATE MESSAGE OF YOUR
DECISION SO THAT WE CAN POSTPONE PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS
IN TIME.
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